

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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**I. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

**Q1. IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT, WHO DO I CONTACT?**

**ANSWER:** If you have any other questions that are outside of your responses to the Questions for Potential Applicants, please submit the questions to a separate email account to: ARPA-E-CO@hq.doe.gov> (with NOI-FOA name and number in subject line).

**Q2. HOW WILL I RECEIVE A RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS SUBMITTED TO [ARPA-E-CO@HQ.DOE.GOV](mailto:ARPA-E-CO@HQ.DOE.GOV) ABOUT THIS NOI?**

**ANSWER:** Responses will be posted to the DE-FOA-0001078 frequently asked questions web page <http://arpa-e.energy.gov/?q=faq/current-funding-opportunities>

**Q3. WILL ARPA-E POST A RESPONSE TO EVERY QUESTION SUBMITTED TO ARPA-E-CO@HQ.DOE.GOV?**

**ANSWER:** No. ARPA-E will only post responses to questions that have not already been addressed by a published FAQ. Also, ARPA-E may consolidate similar questions for administrative purposes.

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**ANSWER:** No, ARPA-E personnel do not need to be, nor should they be, part of the team responding to the NOI. "Substantial involvement" as described in the NOI refers to the level of involvement that is exercised by ARPA-E personnel in projects that are funded by ARPA-E through Cooperative Agreements (or through other financial assistance awards that require the substantial involvement of the agency in the project). In addition, ARPA-E personnel need not be aware of the capabilities of your project team in order for you or your team to respond to the NOI.

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**ANSWER:** There is no requirement that a prior ARPA-E recipient respond to the NOI in any capacity (i.e. neither as the lead nor as a team member).